Financing of Tenth Five Year Plan

2327. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government propose to finance the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the share of deficit finance in "financing the Tenth Plan";

(c) how it compares with that of the Eighth and the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the details of efforts being made by Government for reducing its reliance on deficit finance for financing the Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) The approval of the National Development Council (NDC) is awaited for the draft Tenth Five Year Plan as approved by the Cabinet.

Tax Holiday scheme

†2328. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister during his stay in Uttaranchal has declared that benefit of Central Government's Tax Holiday scheme would be provided to industries and enterprises set up in the State for industrial development on the line of North Eastern States;

(b) if so, whether the schemes has been extended for the entire State; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor and by when the said scheme would be extended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Prime Minister during the visit to Uttaranchal from 29th to 31st March, 2002, had *inter-alia* made an announcement, (regarding special package for industrial development of Special Category States) to the following effect:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

'Tax and Central Excise concessions to attract investments in the industrial sector will be worked out for the Special Category States including Uttaranchal. The industries eligible for such incentives will be environment friendly with potential for local employment generation and use of local resources.'

Measures to increase Foreign Direct Investment

2329. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report prepared by the Committee appointed by the Planning Commission and submitted to the Prime Minister has suggested steps to facilitate substantial increases in Foreign Direct Investment in several sectors of the economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report has been considered by the Government and if so, their reaction thereto; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to give effect to the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A report on Foreign Investment prepared by a Committee appointed by the Planning Commission and submitted to the Prime Minister has proposed some measures to attract more FDI into the country which include the following:

- Consider the enactment of a Foreign Investment Promotion Law that incorporates and integrates aspects relevant to promotion of FDI.
- Urge States to enact a special investment law relating to Infrastructure to expedite all investment in infrastructure sectors and remove hurdles to production in this critical sector.
- Empower the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) to give initial Central level registration and approvals where possible, with a view to speeding up the process of project implementation.